

EXTRA-BIBLICAL LITERATURE

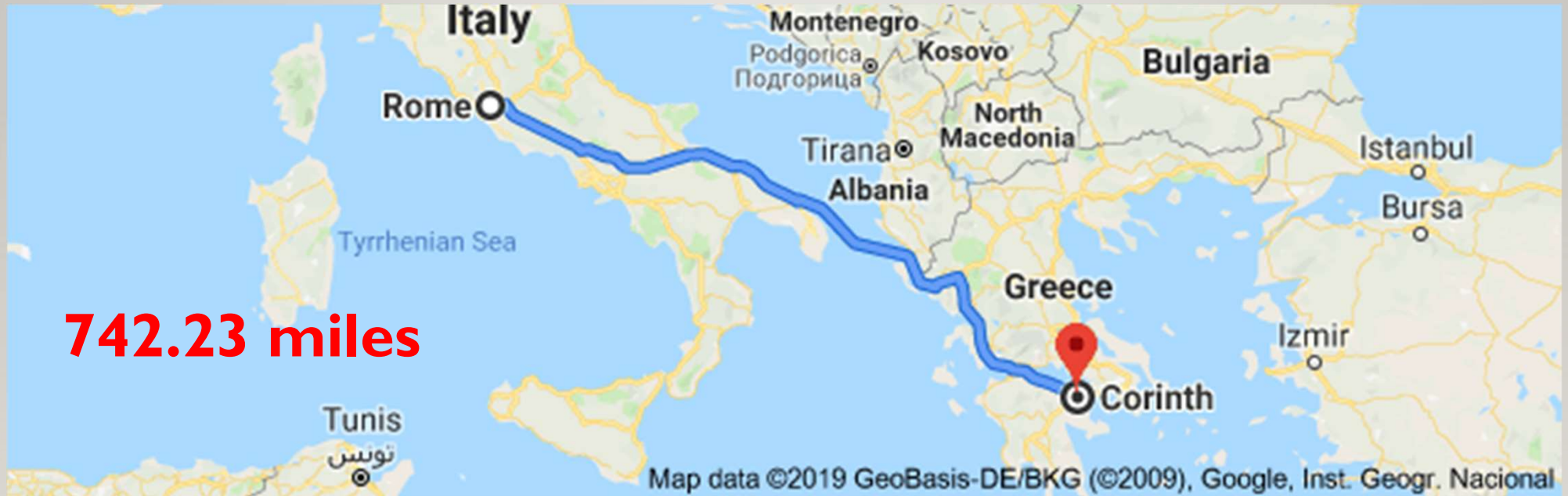
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE MEMPHIS CHURCH – WINTER/SPRING 2019

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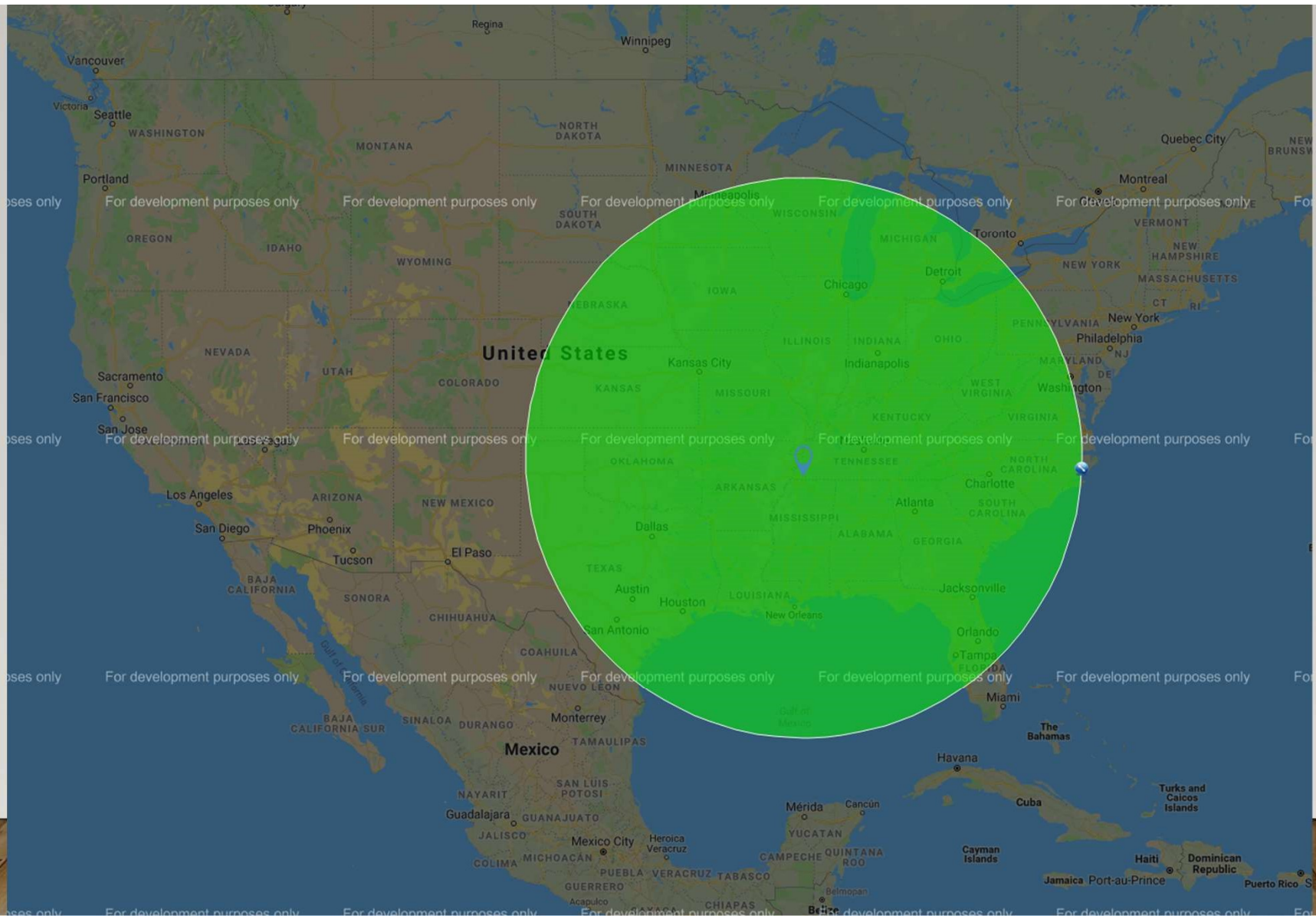
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Distance from Rome to Corinth



Ancient Corinth was one of the largest and most important cities of Greece, with a population of 90,000 in 400 BC. The Romans demolished Corinth in 146 BC, built a new city in its place in 44 BC, and later made it the provincial capital of Greece



1 Clement

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..details regarding the exact cause or motivation are not clear. For this reason, all suggestions about the “real point” of the dispute – for example, that it was a struggle between “spirit and order,” or between orthodoxy and heresy, or was it about financial issues, or involved a conflict between house churches – **must remain hypotheses.**

- *The Apostolic Fathers in English, Michael W. Holmes, 3rd Ed. 2006*

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What WAS the issue?

57:5 – At that time, when you call upon me, I will not listen to you. Evil ones will seek me but not find me, for they hated wisdom and did not choose the fear of the Lord, nor did they desire to pay attention to my advice but mocked my correction. Therefore they will eat the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own ungodliness.

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Did it get resolved?

Although it is not known how the Corinthians reacted to this letter, later Christian writers held it in high regard.

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Lightfoot suggests that 2 Clement was a sermon, read to the Corinthian congregation sometime between AD 120 to 140, that was for some reason particularly notable and therefore preserved...

K.P. Donfried advanced further (this belief) that the mediators of 1 Clement were successful and that 2nd Clement is nothing other than a hortatory address preached by one of the deposed elders to the congregation on the occasion of the successful resolution of the crisis.

1 Clement

What Can We Learn from it?

62:2- For we have touched upon every subject – faith, repentance, genuine love, self-control, sobriety, and patience – and have reminded you that you must reverently please Almighty God in righteousness and truth and steadfastness, living in harmony without bearing malice, in love and peace with constant gentleness, just as our ancestors, of whom we spoke earlier, pleased him, by being humble toward the Father and God and Creator and toward all people.

1 Clement

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64:1- Finally, may the all-seeing God and Master of spirits and Lord of all flesh, who chose the Lord Jesus Christ, and us through him to be his own special people, grant to every soul that has called upon his magnificent and holy name faith, fear, peace, patience, steadfastness, self-control, purity, and sobriety, so that they may be pleasing to his name through our high priest and benefactor, Jesus Christ...

2 Clement

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- *Not a Letter (but instead a sermon or ‘word of exhortation’) – based on Isaiah 54:1*

*Sing, O barren one who did not bear;
burst into song and shout,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate woman will be more
than the children of her that is married, says the LORD.*

*presenting a call to:
Repentance, Purity, Steadfastness
(apparently in the context of a community gathered for worship)*



2 Clement

- *Not from Clement (probably dead by this time)*
- *Quotes from “the Lord” – at least four of these quoted sayings of Jesus (out of a total of at least nine) do not occur in the canonical gospels*

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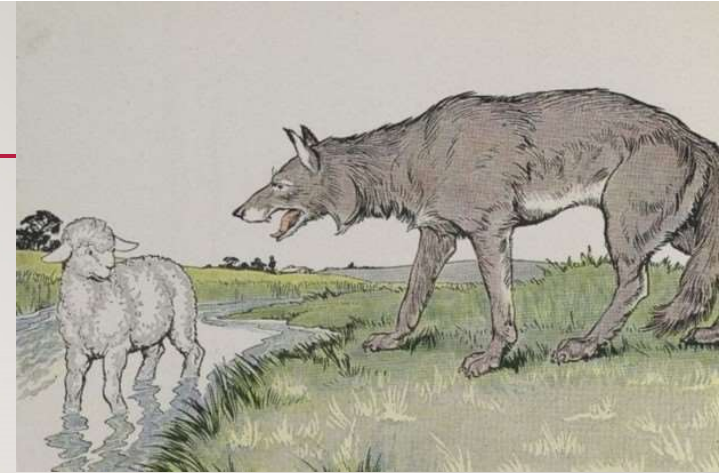
2 Clement 5:1-7

Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us turn away from life as transient residents in this world and do the will of the one who called us, and let us not be afraid to depart from this world. For the Lord says, “You will be like lambs among wolves” (Luke 10:3, Matt 10:16)

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2 Clement 5:1-7

But Peter answered and said to him, “What if the wolves tear the lambs to pieces?” Jesus said to Peter, “After the lambs are dead, let them fear the wolves no longer, and as for you, do not fear those who, though they kill you, are not able to do anything else to you, but fear the one who, after you are dead, has the power to cast soul and body into the flames of hell.” (Mat 10:28, Luke 12:4-5)



Repentance...

2 Clement 8:1-3

So, then, while we are on earth, let us repent. For we are clay in the craftsman's hand. For example: while a potter is making a vessel, if it becomes misshapen or breaks in his hands, he simply reshapes it; but if he has already put it into the kiln, he is no longer able to repair it. So it is with us: as long as we are in this world, let us repent with our whole heart of the evil things that we have done in the flesh, in order that we may be saved by the Lord while we still have time for repentance. For after we have left the world, we are no longer able there either to confess or to repent any more.



Finding Peace

2 Clement 10:3

This is the reason why no one is able to find peace: they instill human apprehensions (*anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen*), preferring the pleasure of the present to the promise of the future.



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Now “the two are one” when we speak the truth among ourselves and there is one soul in two bodies without deception.



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And by “the outside like the inside” he means this: ‘the inside’ signifies the soul, while ‘the outside’ signifies the body.

Therefore just as your body is visible, so also let your soul be evident in good works.



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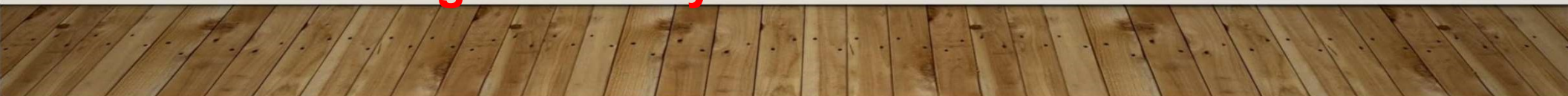
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When you do these things, he says, the kingdom of my Father will come.



Doxology– 2 Clement 20:5

To the only God, invisible, the Father of truth, who sent to us the Savior and Founder of immortality, through whom he also revealed to us the truth and heavenly life, to him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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